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I would state that the time from Oporto to this port is about three days.

Respectfully,

S. B. GRUBBS,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

HAVRE, FRANCE, *April 18, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to state that the steamship *La Touraine* sailed from this port on April 14, with 584 steerage passengers. All were inspected as usual, including those left over from last week, their baggage was inspected and labeled and 39 rolls of bedding and 11 trunks were disinfected by steam.

No third-class passengers were compelled to remain behind for want of accommodations on Saturday, so for the first time in a month, we have no emigrants detained here.

I inclose herein the weekly abstract of bills of health issued.

Respectfully,

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Report from Marseilles.

MARSEILLES, FRANCE, *April 10, 1900.*

SIR: I have to respectfully transmit the following report of transactions at this port for the week ended April 7, 1900: Only 2 vessels cleared during the week, the *Chateau Yquem* of the Cyprian Fabre Line, with a general cargo bound for New York, via Naples, and the Austrian steamship *Istok*, in ballast, bound for New Orleans, La. The sanitary conditions at this port have somewhat improved and there are now only about 50 deaths per day from all causes.

Respectfully,

G. M. CORPUT,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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Concerning disinfection of rags at Marseilles.

MARSEILLES, FRANCE, *April 14, 1900.*

SIR: I have to inform you that complaint is being made by the merchants here on account of the requirement concerning the disinfection of old rags. They claim that such is not required at all ports, and as evidence of this fact one of them showed me a letter from the house of Charles Lindell, at Constantinople, dated April 8, in which they state that no disinfection of rags is required at that port and had never been required.

They claim that the United States consul at that city has never imposed a regulation of any kind concerning the shipment of old rags, rope, and the like and that they are being shipped constantly from there direct to the United States without any disinfection whatever.

Respectfully,

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